GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FAKE VISAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Bangladeshis enroute to Afghanistan have been arrested at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport with fake visas during the current year including July,2008;

(b) if so,whether the Government has conducted any investigation in this regard;and

(c) if so,the outcome thereof including the steps taken to check such rackets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) to (c): 13 Bangladeshis were arrested at Police Station IGI Airport with fake visas enroute to Afghanistan and put to trial in the Court. Out of 13 Bangladeshi nationals arrested,7 Bangladeshi were convicted and cases of 6 Bangladeshi nationals are pending trial.To ascertain the genuineness of their travel documents including visa and to detect forgeries,the immigration officers at all Immigration Check Posts (ICPs) in the country are provided with the specimen copies of the travel documents and visas for comparison.They are also provided with Ultra Violet Lamps/ Magnifying glasses to examine the travel documents including visa to detect possible tampering.In addition, Full Page Passport Reading Machines (PRMs) and Questionable Document Examiner (QDX) machines have also been installed at major airports. Above all, officers manning immigration counters at all ICPs are given special training for detection of forged/fake travel documents. Detection of forgeries in travel documents is also a part of training curriculum of the officers at the Immigration counters.